

Observer report for Double Riichi - Hajime 2023 (Riichi, MERS 1)

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Place: Saint-Denis, Réunion Island (France)

Website or other source(s) of information: All information on the website (<u>https://frmj-reunion.webador.fr/double-riichi</u>) : registration, program, list of participants,...

Participants: 20 players

Teams of 2 players were made. 2 players of the same team do not face each other during the tournament.

Represented Countries: All the 20 players belonged to the French Federation (Réunion Island)

Playing schedule: 1 day, 5 rounds (2+3) of 75 minutes (plus finishing hand and one more)

Location: The room is large enough to host 20 players and leave enough space between them. There is also room for the tables for the snacks, buffet and to eat seated.

Equipment: Games sets and tables were in good condition. Each table had a laminated yaku list + scoring table and a laminated orasu sheet + a whiteboard pen.



Refereeing: Jean-Michel MORISSE was non-player referee.

Complaints: None.

Information / communication during the tournament:

Visible clock projected from a computer on a screen. A gong clearly informs players of the start and the end of sessions. Ranking up to date between each session projected on a wall.

Sessions: Excellent playing atmosphere, FFF (Fair-play, Friendly and Fun).

Catering: Breakfast available at the beginning of the day. Drinks and snacks available during breaks. Lunch was served in the same room. Closing cocktail at the end of the day.

Prizes: Trophies and prizes for individual ranking (1st, 2nd and 3rd). Trophies and prizes for the best team.

1 bookmark gift for every player.

Small extra prizes for 2 players who drew the gold and silver-colored bookmarks

Conclusion: Very nice tournament. This was the first tournament of the "Double Riichi" paired tournaments.

A cumulative ranking will be made following the two tournaments. The cumulative results will be announced at the end of the second tournament.